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Your

Date!

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IT DOESN'T MATTER who he is or what you're doing; he's your date, and he's thinking—about YOU! Here are the opinions of some campus leaders on that ever-present topic of dating. The ideas of your date tonight may parallel these—so here's a chance to gain some insight.

When asked the very general question, "What do you consider a good date?" Bob Hoak, student body president, volunteered—

"To ask me the question 'What do I consider a good date?' is similar to asking a vegetarian what kind of meat sauce he prefers with his steak.

"Nevertheless, the following is my belief on what I consider a good date:

"The key theme for a girl to remember is to be natural. Be yourself. Be as you are in other phases of your life, and you can't miss.

Natural to talk

"Of course being natural involves other things too. It's certainly natural for a girl to talk—and to talk a lot. Not that she should maintain a monologue throughout the evening. And certainly in a crowd, she should be able to talk on subjects of interest to all and not of interest to one or none.

"Being natural involves, I hope, good grooming. Being beautiful or handsome is something which many of us can do little about; however, dressing neatly and being attractive is for everyone. These are often used as criteria in judging others."

Know some rules

Bob Matheson, right tackle on the Varsity football squad, reflected on the question, "When attending a sports event, do you like to have your date know the rules of the game?" Bob said he doesn't like to have his date completely ignorant. "She should at least know the basic fundamentals of the sport." But he feels men do like to explain some of the more technical aspects of the game—they like to show their superiority in some ways along this line.

Bob went on to give a more general opinion of what he and other fellows look for in a girl. Bob said his first look was at a woman's physical appearance (but only the first look). After dating a woman for a while he begins considering other things, such as similar interests and companionship. He said, "Personality portrays the woman's real beauty even though she is not physically attractive."

Social graces

The question, "Do you consider a woman's etiquette important when dating her?" was asked John Wilson, president of the MRA. John feels a man usually wants his date to have social graces, even some that he himself might not have. He said that manners have some bearing, but that they are certainly not all-important. To John, personality and "just being able to have fun" take the spot light. He thinks manners are superficial things which can be cultivated. He said that a man usually is interested in a woman's appearance when he first meets her, but this is not lasting. "In the long run, he is attracted by her personality. A fellow wants a date with similar interests and an ability to carry on a good conversation," he concluded.

In between

The question, "Do men prefer women who are self-reliant or more submissive?" confronted Ken Hook, president of Interfraternity Council. His answer was—

"Well, it depends on the time of day and the circumstances. If a girl is driving a car during the daytime and the car develops motor trouble, it's great if she can fix it herself. However, if a fellow is driving with a girl at night and the car develops motor trouble, it's an entirely different story.

"What most men really prefer is the way that some people drive—down the middle of the road. About half and half of each characteristic would be best."

This has been a sampling of the opinions of Iowa State men on dating. We hope it will help you understand your date. Remember—he's thinking about YOU!